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C O N F I D E N T I A L GENEVA 1586

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ILO PLO PFOR IS

SUBJECT: ILO-POSTPONEMENT OF CONSIDERATION OF PLO OBSERVER STATUS

REF: TEL AVIV 1463

1. GOVERNING BODY DECISION WOULD HAVE BEEN IMPOSSIBLE EXCEPT FOR TRIPARTITE STRUCTURE OF ILO. MAJOR FACTORS IN DECISION WERE: (A) EXTENSIVE PRE-GB CONTACTS AND CONSULTATIONS BY IRVING BROWN OF AFL-CIO; (B) STRONG TELEGRAM FROM AFL-CIO PRESIDENT GEORGE MEANY TO ILO/DG STATING THAT EVENTUAL OBSERVER STATUS FOR PLO "SHOULD CAUSE THE UNITED STATES TO WEIGH THE USEFULNESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOR ORGANIZATION IN THE FUTURE", (C) SYMPATHETIC ATTITUDE OF CHAIRMAN OF GB AND ILO/DG AND (D) FIRM US POSITION WHICH ENCOURAGED EC 9 AND JAPANESE TO MOVE FROM POSITION OF ABSTENTION ON ALL ASPECTS OF ISSUE, INCLUDING POSTPONEMENT, TO POSITION SUPPORTING POSTPONEMENT. WITH THESE FACTORS IN OPERATION SENTIMENT IN THE THREE GROUPS (GOVERNMENT, WORKERS AND EMPLOYERS) SHIFTED TO DESIRE TO AVOID SHOWDOWN VOTE AT THIS SESSION. GB CHAIRMAN INTRODUCED FORMULA TRANSFERRING MATTER TO CONFERENCE AND AFTER BRIEF STATEMENTS OF SUPPORT OF WORKER AND EMPLOYER VICE CHAIRMAN OF GB, FORMULA WAS ACCEPTED WITHOUT DEBATE.

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2. CHANCES FOR AVOIDING OBSERVERS STATUS FOR PLO IN JUNE REMAIN VERY SLIM. MOST ARDENT EXPONENTS OF POSTPONEMENT ARE HOPING FOR NOW UNFORESEEN EVENT WHICH WOULD REVERSE ALMOST UNIVERSAL BELIEF THAT OBSERVER STATUS FOR PLO INEVITABLE. MOST IMPORTANT PRE-ILO CONFERENCE GOAL FOR ALL THREE GROUPS (GOVERNMENT, EMPLOYER, WORKER) WILL BE ATTEMPT TO ASSURE THAT MEMBERSHIP OF CONFERENCE STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE IS NOT STACKED IN FAVOR OF PLO, AND THAT MEMBERS OF THEIR GROUPS WHO ARE NOT PRO-PLO SIGN UP FOR STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE ON DAY BEFORE CONFERENCE OPENS. HOWEVER EVEN IF CONFERENCE SO COMMITTEE REACHES DEADLOCK, CONFERENCE ITSELF WILL HAVE TO FACE DECISION, WHICH SEEMS AT THIS POINT TO BE NOT WHETHER BUT WHAT KIND OF OBSERVER STATUS PLO SHALL BE GIVEN.

3. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO REPEAT STATE 36861 (TEXT OF MEANY TELEGRAM TO ILO DG) TO TEL AVIV. DALE

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